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RESOLUTION ON MEASURES TO SUPPORT LDC COOPERATION

REF: (A) GENEVA 5309, (B) GENEVA 5240, (C) GENEVA 5128

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1. THE GENEVA GROUP MET THE MORNING OF JULY 20 TO DISCUSS  
(AMONG OTHER THINGS - SEE SEPTTEL) THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE  
UNCTAD SECRETARIAT'S INTERPRETATION OF SECTION VI PARA 1  
OF UNGA RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) ON THE BUDGETS FOR UNCTAD  
AND, POTENTIALLY, ON OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM.  
(SEE REFTELS A, B, C.)

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF GG PERMANENT DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA  
WHO NORMALLY ARE ASSIGNED TO COVER UNCTAD PARTICIPATED  
HEAVILY IN THE DISCUSSION, WELCOMING THE GG'S INTEREST IN  
THE PROBLEMS POSED BY THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT'S ACTIONS. ALL  
MEMBERS ENTERING THE DISCUSSION EXPRESSED STRONG CONCERN  
THAT THE PRECEDENT BEING SET IN UNCTAD COULD PROVE TO BE  
A "BOTTOMLESS PIT" FOR UN SYSTEM EXPENDITURES IN

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SUPPORT OF G-77 ACTIVITIES.

3. THE MEETING RESULTED IN A CONSENSUS ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) GROUP B, ASSISTED BY THE GG, MUST MAKE BETTER PREPARATIONS FOR REVIEWING UNCTAD BUDGETARY QUESTIONS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED AT BOTH THE OCTOBER SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND AT THE APRIL PROGRAM-BUDGET REVIEW MEETING TO BE HELD IN APRIL, 1977. GREATER SCRUTINY WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE SYG'S FINANCIAL IMPLICATION STATEMENTS AS RESOLUTIONS COME BEFORE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES OF UNCTAD; (2) WUP B SHOULD WRITE A FOLLOW-UP LETTER TO ITS LETTER OF JULY 7 CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF A G-77 PREPARATORY MEETING IN GENEVA FOR THE MEXICO G-77 CONFERENCE IN STRONG TERMS EXPRESSING THE GROUP'S SURPRISE AT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S FAILURE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY OF GROUP B'S VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE JULY 7 LETTER; (D) GROUP B/GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS SHOULD INSIST THAT THE UCTAD SECRETARIAT CONDUCT MORE RESPONSIBLE PROGRAM-BUDGET REVIEW EXERCISES AND ASSURE THAT GG COUNTRIES ARE BETTER PREPARED FOR SUCH REVIEWS; (4) MEMBERS SHOULD WORK TO HAVE UNGA RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII) CLARIFIED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MACHINERY (ACABQ AND 5TH COMMITTEE) AND ASSURE THAT GG COUNTRIES' PARTICIPANTS IN BOTH ACABQ AND 5TH COMMITTEE ARE FULLY BRIEFED ON THE CONCERNS OF THE GENEVA-BASED DELEGATES.

4. IT WAS AGREED CAPITALS SHOULD BE ALERTED TO SERIOUS POTENTIAL RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS ISSUE AND URGED TO SEE IMPORTANCE OF DIGGING IN HEELS NOW, EVEN AT RISK OF CAUSING LDC CHARGES OF CONFRONTATIONAL TACTICS, BECAUSE QUESTION RAISED IS ONE OF SUCH FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO INTERESTS OF MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS. DALE

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